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JULY'S MEETING WILL BE AT 10am ON SATURDAY THE 12TH AT THE TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RR CLUB AND VIA ZOOM. THE ADDRESS IS 6808 FOREST HILL DRIVE, FOREST HILL, TEXAS 76140 SEE EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By the time you have seen this edition of The Whistle, our country will have celebrated its 249th birthday. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday marking our country's birthday.

Last month's meeting was a real hit, we had a large crowd enjoying the hot dogs and hamburgers cooked by Dave Ranney and Jim Davis (even without the mayo, onions and pickles) and a very interesting video presented by Dave Steckler on Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. A big thank you to everyone who helped put this meeting on.

This month's clinic will be on JMRI and is being presented by Dave Hall and is titled "What can JMRI do for me? Car routing possibilities in OperationsPro"

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

I attended the Blues Express 2025 in Baton Rouge and had a great time. The clinics were interesting and covered a wide range of topics, the operating sessions were outstanding, but I think I learned the most by volunteering to judge the contest room. I was paired with a more experienced judge, and we evaluated models on one of the five categories making up the judging form. It was quite a learning experience for me. I would encourage everyone to participate in judging and entering models in the contest room. As one "famous" AP coordinator has mentioned "It does make you a better modeler".

See you Saturday July 12 th and bring a friend so he can learn about JMRI and meet other modelers.

Dick Brannan
Director-Cowcatcher Division
LSR NMRA



DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY TEXAS WESTERN RR
CLUB BUSINESS MEETING FOR
MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS ONLY

7 pm -9 pm @ 6808 FOREST HILL DR.
FOREST HILL, TX 76140

JULY 2025

14TH-19TH NMRA NATIONAL
CONVENTION NOVI, MICHIGAN

AUGUST 2025

31ST-1ST WEATHERFORD CLARK
GARDENS MODEL TRAIN SHOW

SEPTEMBER 2025

LABOR DAY WEEKEND THE 90TH
ANIVERSARY OF NMRA

20-21 TEMPLE TRAIN SHOW

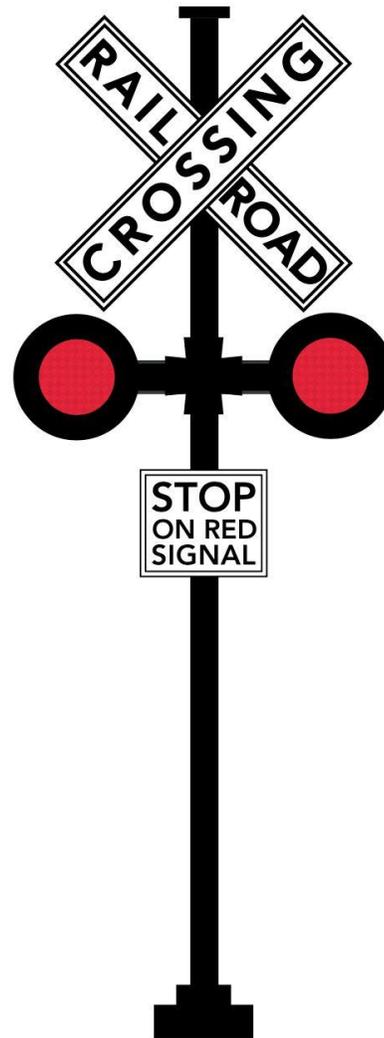
27-28 PLANO TRAIN SHOW

OCTOBER 2025

4TH GAVLEVSTON ANNUAL TRAIN
SHOW

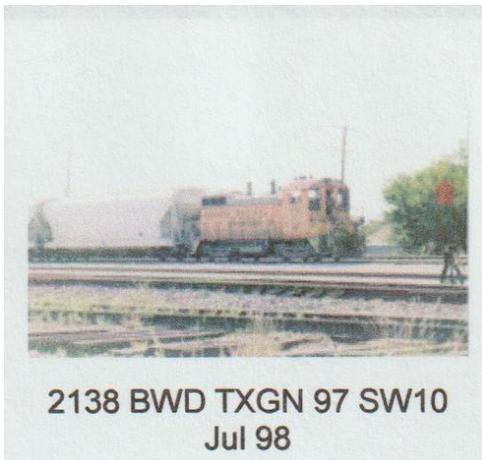
NOVEMBER 2025

15TH-16TH HOUSTON AREA MODEL
TRAIN SHOW



TREASURER'S REPORT

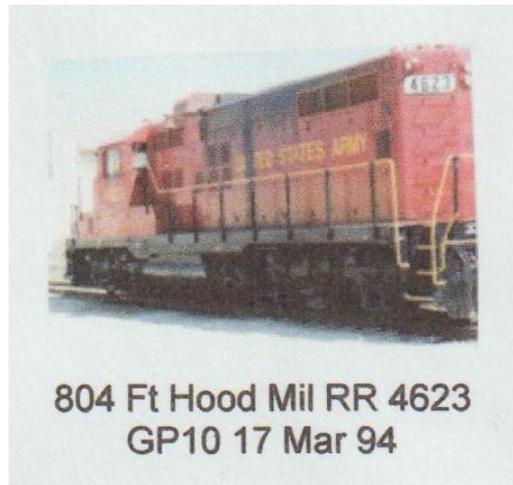
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RECEIPTS	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	\$421.36
30 JUN BALANCE	\$6914.21
CD BALANCE	\$23,012.99



TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT IS A HASHER

LOOK FOR ANSWER IN THIS MONTH'S
NEWSLETTER



RAILFAN VIDEO OF THE MONTH ON YOUTUBE

DALLAS TERMINAL RAILWAY !
(NYC #10)

AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

COWTOWN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS AT THE HANDLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, UPSTAIRS 3024 FOREST AVE, FT WORTH,

WEBSITE <https://www.cmrrc.net>

CLMRR

MEETS TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS

THE LAYOUT IS LOCATED AT 3904 VISTA RIDGE LN

ALVARADO, TX 76009

FOR INFO CONTACT LEE MARTIN AT 817-666-5367

DALLAS/FT WORTH O SCALE CLUB

NORMALLY MEETS TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH IN RICHARDSON

CONTACT TO BE IDENTIFIED

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DENTON AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7PM IN THE DENTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER DOWNTOWN

HO & N SCALE MODULAR LAYOUTS

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER OF NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETS 7:30-10:00 PM FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS) AT GRAPEVINE TOURIST & VISITORS INFORMATION CENTER AT MAIN ST AND FWWR RAILROAD TRACKS

<https://ntxnrhs.org>

TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

LOCATED AT 6808 FOREST HILL, 76140

VISITOR HOURS: SEE CLUB WEBSITE

<https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmodelrailroadclub>

<https://www.twmrrc.org>

TRINITY N-TRK

MEETS AT HOBBY WORLD, FT WORTH AT 6:30PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIME

<https://www.trinityntrak.com>

TNMRC

MEETS AT 11999 PLANO RD, SUITE 154, DALLAS 75243

<https://www.texasnorthern.org>

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ANGELO HOBBIES
5600 RUFÉ SNOW DRIVE #106
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS 76180

DISCOUNT MODEL TRAINS
4641 RATLIFF LN
ADDISON 75001

MODEL TRAIN CROSSING
1113 W. PIPELINE RD
HURST 76053

HOBBYTOWN USA
746 GRAPEVINE HWY
HURST 76054

HOBBYTOWN USA
500 E. ROUND GROVE RD
LEWISVILLE 75067

WILD BILL'S HOBBYTOWN USA
1112 W. ARBROOK BLVD
ARLINGTON 76015

NMRA POLICY STATEMENT

EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION AT ITS BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2020, DIVISION 1 OF THE LONE STAR REGION OF THE NMRA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE COWCATCHER DIVISION, WILL REQUIRE ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, WISHING TO ATTEND ANY DIVISION EVENT, TO BE PERSONALLY ESCORTED BY THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

ADDITIONALLY, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN A CURRENT DOCUMENT STATING THAT THEY WILL REMAIN IN VISUAL CONTACT WITH THEIR MINOR AT ALL TIMES.



JULY CLINIC

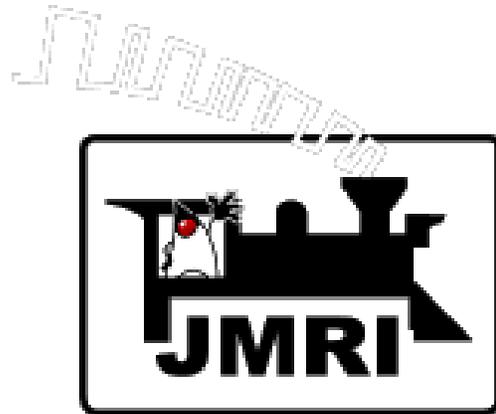
“What can JMRI do for me? Car routing possibilities using OperationsPro”

A presentation by Dave Hall.

In addition to the presentation, he is more than willing to answer questions about JMRI beyond topics brought up during the presentation.

His presentation will be PowerPoint.

David Hall is happily married with 3 kids, and he owns a small business focused on educational enrichment and college preparation for teenagers. David loves model railroad operations. All of David’s modeling activities take second fiddle to the many activities he’s involved in with his family and young children. David decided in 2022 that he wanted to share his passion for operations with the wider world, and started a YouTube channel, “DHTrainz” to do just that. David spends his free time building train layouts in virtual scale, modeling concepts within JMRI and helping others get more out of the program. David currently models virtual scale using commercial simulators but intends to begin working slowly on his n scale PRR layout soon. David’s instructional videos for JMRI have been officially listed in the OperationsPro manual as official guides and tutorials for users looking to learn more about what the program can offer. David is happy to talk about JMRI and operations in general any time.”



ANSWER TO THIS MONTH’S TRIVIA QUESTION:

A WAITRESS



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SHOW AND TELL



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JUNE CLINIC



Prior to the picnic, courtesy of David Steckler, we had an approximately 20-minute video about the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. It is a 15” gauge light railway in Kent, England. It uses live steam and has a 13 1/2-mile line. Built in 1927, it operates steam and diesel hauled trains on the southeast coast of England.

If you wish to see the video it starts at 31:19 on the recorded June meeting on YouTube.



and PICNIC!!



JUNE 18-20, 2026



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OPERATIONS ON THE LEE SUB
PART 9 “SCHEDULED
PASSENGER TRAINS ON THE
TEXAS AND SOUTHERN
RAILROAD”

By BOB MANGRUM MMR 456

The T&S is not just a freight railroad but still runs a limited number of passenger trains on a daily basis. To determine these trains, which are run a schedule, we had to develop a schedule using string line train scheduling. The best article I have found that not only explains how it works but provides a step-by-step process to develop such a schedule is by Walt Schuchmann in Model Railroader June 1995 page 112-114. Since MR is in a digital archive this article is most definitely still available.

A review of the T&S train graph for the 1st class passenger trains reveals a balanced schedule with four northbound and four southbound passenger trains during the course of a 48-hour service cycle. (It takes approximately 26 hours to travel between Kansas City and Corpus Christi.) [All 2nd

and 4th class trains as well as 3rd class, if modeled, run as extras on the T&S.] The T&S uses a 24-hour clock for timetable purposes. A 4:1 fast clock is used during operating session.

As Lee is considered the mid-point of the 1200 mile mainline between Kansas City and Corpus Christi, several train meets will occur during the typical operational day.

Northbound Train 122 *The Eagle*, all Pullman Service, which departed T&S Station in Corpus Christi at 11:45, enters from staging just south of Glen and travels northward through the Lee Sub arriving at Lee at 22:45. It holds at Lee until southbound Train 111 *The Eagle*, all Pullman service, which departed Union Station in Kansas City daily at 9:30 arrives at 23:05;



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Train 111 enters from staging just north of Lee's Union Station. 122 departs for Wichita Falls at 23:15; 111 departs for Temple at 23:35.



Similarly, Train 126 *The Silver Star*, all coach services, which departed Corpus Christi at 16:00 and arrived at Lee at 4:00 waits for Train 115 *The Southern Belle*, all coach service, which departs KC at 14:30 and arrives at Lee at 4:04 the following morning.



126 departs Lee at 4:30 bound for KC. Meanwhile, Train 124 *The Heartland*, all Pullman service, departs Corpus at 20:30 and arrives at Lee at 7:30; Train 113 *The Lone Star*, all Pullman service, arrives at Lee at 7:34 having departed KC at 18:00; 113 departs for Corpus at 8:34. Train 115 has a relatively long layover Lee departing

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at 7:34 for Corpus. 124 departs northbound at 8:00.

Train 128 *The City of Kansas City*, all coach services depart Corpus at 5:30 northbound.

Arriving at Lee at 17:30, 128 waits for 117.

Train 117 *The South Wind*, all coach service, departs KC at 4:00 and arrives at Lee at

17:34. Train 128 departs Lee at 18:00;

Train 117 departs southbound at 18:04.

An assumption was made that outside the Lee sub any potential meet would occur where passing sidings are located.

Passenger service certainly adds to the complexity of the layout and is a challenge, but the fun factor is greatly enhanced by adding passenger to freight operations on the layout.

Next month we will follow 417, the Glen Turn, as it begins its daily run between Lee and Glen on the Lee Sub.

. Until then may you have Green Boards and no hot boxes on your run.

Bob



NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
2025 National Convention

STATION No. VI

Hosted by:
the NORTH CENTRAL REGION

July 14-19, 2025

Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Our location – Sheraton Detroit-Novi, MI
A suburban location with FREE parking!

CONVENTION GOALS and HIGHLIGHTS -

Our main objectives are to provide events of value, items attendees will see as worth their money, all at the lowest possible cost. ** We will honor the traditions of past conventions but at lower cost and with greater flexibility. ** This convention will be shorter, starting at 1 PM on Monday and continuing through Saturday afternoon with a banquet Saturday evening. ** Note that registration includes all layout visits and operating sessions, and all activities at the hotel except Modeling with the Masters, and admittance to the National Train Show. ** We will support all the traditional activities of the SIG's. ** The National Contest will be fully supported. The contest will be in a prominent room and will be run by the National Contest team. There will be space for model displays, modular layouts and other functions. Those putting their models on display will have the option of entering the People's Choice Contest. ** We will have several prototype tours which may include a Ford plant tour and a cruise on the Detroit River with an emphasis on the industrial aspects of the waterfront. ** We expect to have at least 90 clinics. The clinics will be varied, and each will be given twice. ** We expect to have at least 60 layouts open for visit. Most layouts will be at least 900 sq. ft. in size running to over 3,000 sq. ft. in one or more cases. All layout visits and op sessions will be self-guided so you may take your time.

<https://nmra2025.com/>

